

Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer, making the most of the sunshine. We have been busy in school preparing for the children's return and it was such a pleasure to see so many smiling faces—both children and parents—at the school gate this morning.

As we begin the new school year, please take a moment to read through the information below. If you have any questions, do feel free to come and speak to me.

Meet the teacher and class meetings

We are very keen to involve you as much as possible in your child's education. To support this, we will be holding information meetings where you can meet your child's teacher and find out more about the learning planned for the year ahead.



These sessions will also give you the chance to ask any questions you may have and to see the classroom environment where your child learns each day.

The meetings will take place in your child's classroom, and the dates and times are listed below.

Monday 8 th September @3.25pm	Peacocks
Tuesday 9 th September @3.25pm	Hérons
Wednesday 10 th September @3.25pm	Martins
Friday 12 th September @1.20pm	Wrens

Other dates for the diary!

Below are some dates for your diaries so far this term. When other dates get added we will inform you all.

Thursday 11 th September	Kent Test
Wednesday 17 th September	Reception-Year flu immunisations
Friday 19 th September	Individual and sibling school photographs
Thursday 25 th September	School Health visiting Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 30 th September	Martins and Peacocks trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
Friday 17 th October	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Monday 27 th October	Return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 visit to Cathedral Day at Canterbury Cathedral
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity play at 2pm (in St Mary's Church)
Sunday 14 th December	Carols in the Square from 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Disco in Village Hall from 3.30pm (run by Reverend Sue)
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Promoting positive behaviour

We have recently reviewed our behaviour policy as a staff team. Moving forward, we will be focusing on three simple school rules:

Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful

Today in assembly, we explored these rules with the children and discussed what they look like in practice, along with the expectations that go with them.

At the "Meet the Teacher" meetings next week, teachers will share more about how we use Recognition Boards in classrooms to promote teamwork and celebrate positive behaviour.

School Uniform

Please ensure your children are wearing uniform to school everyday except on Forest school days.

Tops

- White or red shirt or polo shirt - we provide Year 6 children with a school tie, so white shirts are preferred for them
- Red sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper (available *with school logo*)

Bottoms

- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt (no shorter than knee length)

Dresses

- Grey pinafore
- Summer dress (red and white stripe or check)

Footwear

- Black flat, smart shoes
- Open toed sandals or crocs are not appropriate footwear for school (health and safety)
- Socks or tights (white / grey / red)

PE

- Team colour PE shirt (available with logo)
- PE jumper
- Black plain shorts/skort
- Black or navy plain jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls (for indoor)
- Trainers (for outdoor)
- PE bag with draw string

Many thanks,

Miss Dolan